

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph marked "2" that bridges pages 11 and 12 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

- 2) A 0.25-gram sample of polymer was placed into the bottom of 20 small bottles. Five milliliters of 20 common laboratory solvents, including the three listed by the manufacturer, was added to the bottles. The bottles were left for 48 hours at room temperature after which they were used to identify those solvents that dissolved or resulted in swelling of the polymer. Twelve ~~polymers-solvents~~ were identified and are listed below along with freezing point ("F.P.", also known as melt point), boiling point ("B.P."), vapor pressure ("V.P."), and solvent group (S.G.). (Other properties that can aid in the selection of solvent and gelling solvent include, but are not limited to, density, molecular weight, refractive index, dielectric constant, polarity index, viscosity, surface tension, solubility in water, solubility in alcohol(s), residue, and purity.)